

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TECH CENTER 1800/2900

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

SAVERIO CARL FALCO ET AL.

CASE NO.: BB1037 F

SERIAL NO.: 09/049304

**GROUP ART UNIT: 1648** 

FILED: MARCH 27, 1998

EXAMINER: E. F. MCELWAIN

FOR: CHIMERIC GENES AND METHOD

FOR INCREASING THE LYSINE

CONTENT OF THE SEEDS OF PLANTS

## <u>RESPONSE</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, finally rejecting claims 4-7, 11 and 13-15 of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response After Final because it is believed to place the claims in form for allowance or, in the alternative, to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following is submitted in support thereof.